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1. AS REQUESTED, WE SUGGEST FOLLOWING THOUGHTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
IN PREPARATION OF ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR LEADER OF DPC MINISTERIAL
DELEGATION:

2. THE MILITARY SITUATION IN EUROPE REQUIRES THAT NATO DEFENSE
MINISTERS CONTINUE TO BEND BEST EFFORTS TOWARD ACHIEVING ADEQUATE
CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITY.

3. AT TIME OF INTENSE COMPETITION FOR NATIONAL RESOURCES, EFFECTIVE
USE OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES IS CRITICAL. A GREAT MANY OPPORTUNITIES
FOR COOPERATION EXIST, OPPORTUNITIES FOR TAKING SIGNIFICANT ACTION
TOWARD STANDARDIZATION AND PROCUREMENT COOPERATION. TANK GUN
COMPETITIVE TESTING IS ENCOURAGING STEP. THIS DPC MEETING MAY BE
ABLE TO ENDORSE SOME SPECIFIC STANDARDIZATION EFFORTS.

4. PRIORITY CONCERNS IN ACHIEVING ADEQUATE CONVENTIONAL
CAPABILITY WERE DEVELOPED IN AD-70 STUDY. DEY TARGETS IN AREAS OF
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ANTI-TANK, AIRCRAFT SHELTER AND WAR STOCK IMPROVEMENTS WERE ENDORSED
AT DECEMBER 1973 DPC MINISTERIAL. THIS MEETING WILL
FURTHER OUR PUSH TO ACHIEVE AD-70 OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS ENDORSED
IN DECEMBER.

5. THE CONGRESS, AND ALL CONCERNED WITH DEFENSE QUESTIONS IN WASHINGTON, HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY EFFECTIVE ROLE BEING PLAYED BY EUROGROUP IN IMPROVING EUROPEAN FORCES. EUROGROUP'S ON-GOING COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS ARE SIGNS OF ALLIANCE HEALTH AND REASON FOR HOPE ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR SECURITY SYSTEM.RUMSFELD

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